

## Senate Resolution 511

By: Senators Hudgens of the 47th and Hawkins of the 49th

## A RESOLUTION

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2 Commending musician Dustin Wilkes; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dustin Wilkes of Jefferson, Georgia, achieved national attention when he  
4 finishing in the top eight of the televised country music competition, *Nashville Star*; and

5 WHEREAS, Dustin has carried a lifelong passion for music; he began playing guitar at the  
6 age of 11, and when he enrolled at Brenau University in Gainesville, he studied music theory;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, in November, 1999, he enlisted in the United States Marines, where he served  
9 his country nobly for five years and was inspired to write the song, "One Toy at a Time,"  
10 which was used in the Marine Corp's Toys for Tots national campaign; and

11 WHEREAS, Dustin has been a two-time regional finalist in the Colgate Country Showdown,  
12 and he was the third performer to leave the *Nashville Star* competition, finishing at 8th place  
13 out of over 20,000 people who auditioned in 13 markets nation-wide; and

14 WHEREAS, his dedication to music is surpassed only by his loving devotion to his family,  
15 and he is the wonderful father of Mikayla and Dustin Gavin; and

16 WHEREAS, as he has commanded the esteem of friends, neighbors, and fans throughout  
17 Georgia and the United States, it is fitting and proper that we recognize such an accomplished  
18 musician.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 join in recognizing Dustin Wilkes for his wonderful contributions to the world of music and  
21 extend to him their sincerest best wishes for his future.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to  
23 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dustin Wilkes.